

# **U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) Safety Week Activities**

## **USGS Headquarters, Reston VA**

The Headquarters Safety and Environmental Management Branch staff, in partnership with the Eastern Region Safety Manager for Geology, Headquarters Human Resources Office of Worker's Compensation Program Manager, and Health Unit Staff planned, promoted the DOI Safety Awareness Week through the planning, coordinating and conducting of a Safety, Health and Environmental Fair on April 6, 2005. Over 50 exhibitors offered a variety of safety, environmental and occupational health information and services to over 2500 employees, including health screening, hands-on fire extinguisher training, and awarding participants with giveaways of several door prizes donated by vendors to encourage participation. Some of the activities and vendors are listed below:

- AED Presentation.
- Safety and Health Equipment Demonstrations.
- Emergency Preparedness by the American Red Cross.
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue.
- Employee Screening Services (Diabetes/Blood Pressure/Cholesterol).
- Fairfax County Health Department.
- Fairfax County Recycling and Hazardous Waste.
- Northern Virginia Power
- Nutritional Counseling.
- Employee Wellness.
- Department of Agriculture Food Inspection Service
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (National Office)
- American Red Cross – Emergency Preparedness
- “Hands On” Fire Extinguisher Training
- USGS HQ Security Management Branch – Personal Security and Traveler Safety

## **Eastern Region**

### **Leetown Science Center**

In recognition of Safety & Health Awareness Week the team responded to an unscheduled drill on April 6, 2005 involving an electrocution and cardiac arrest of a female employee working in the greenhouse. Twelve team members responded to the emergency, eliminated hazards, administered CPR and defibrillated the patient all within 4 minutes of notification.

### **USGS Indiana Water Science Center,**

- Training activities included the following: defensive driving for about 49 employees; employee right-to-know for about 52 employees; adult CPR for about 42 employees; first aid for about 42 employees; and dealing with workplace violence for about 52 employees.

- Conducted a very successful occupant emergency evacuation drill during which all employees exited the building in about 1 minute and 15 seconds. Within about 2 minutes all employees had gathered at the marshaling area and within another few minutes were accounted for using the daily sign-in logbooks. All components of our alarm system were found to be operating properly during the drill.
- Many field vehicles were inspected and most were found to be in good order with only one needing more than cursory mechanical attention. Most minor repairs were accomplished within a few days. First aid kit replenishing and fire extinguisher service was required for several trucks.
- First aid kits in water science center vehicles were upgraded with nitrile gloves to replace latex gloves and surgical masks were issued to be included with first aid kits.

### **USGS Maryland Water Science Center**

Fire extinguisher training was hosted by USGS Maryland Water Science Center in Baltimore during Safety Week.

### **St Petersburg Center**

The USGS St Petersburg Center took advantage of the Department of the Interior Safety Week to update their safety training for their employees. Several group training sessions were held for all staff members and contractors for the DOI University Safety Training courses. The group interaction and discussions contributed to the online materials.

- Hazard Communications and Initial Spill Response Training was provided, inclusive of purchasing a spill kit and disseminating educational materials to the Receiving and Operational personnel.
- A fire extinguisher class was offered to all personnel, including motorboat operators, with hands-on opportunities to fight a real fire.

### **Central Region**

#### **Office of Central Region Services, Denver, CO**

Held a Health Fair on April 6. The U.S. Public Health Service provided health screenings measuring blood pressure, glucose levels, pulse-rates, height-weight measurements, Body Mass index

#### **Mid Continent Mapping Center, Rolla, MO**

E-mailed a group of safety-related words to be unscrambled to all Center employees. First to respond correctly were awarded a small gift certificate to a local restaurant.

### **Columbia Environmental Research Center**

Held "Brown Bag Safety Video Extravaganza" for Safety Month. Videos included:

- "MSDS READ IT BEFORE YOU NEED IT"
- "CHEMICAL SAFETY"
- "HYDROGEN SULFIDE"
- "LABELING LABORATORY CHEMICALS"
- "ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN THE LABORATORY"
- "LABORATORY ERGONOMICS"
- "OFFICE ERGONOMICS"

### **Office of the Regional Hydrologist, Denver, CO**

Held in-water training and defensive driving training.

### **Western Region**

#### **Pacific Island Environmental Research Center**

Safety week activities consisted of having the USGS Western Region Safety office, Bill Fitzpatrick, and the USGS Geologic Discipline western region safety officer Ed Bunker visit our facility to familiarize themselves with the facilities and answer questions that the employees may have concerning USGS Safety policies.

#### **USGS Nevada Water Science Center**

USGS Nevada Water Science Center conducted the following training classes:

- Five classes of ten people were trained in First Aid/CPR/AED which is an eight hour combo class taught by an American Heart Association certified instructor at the Carson Tahoe Hospital Wellness Center.
- On April 14 there was Fire Safety Training for thirty-three people (mostly field personnel) for a three hour class consisting of a lecture from the Carson City Fire Chief a video and a hands on section of fire extinguisher use (outside of course).
- On April 14 forty-four people were trained in Defensive Driving taught by the Nevada Highway Patrol. This was a four hour course which included a lecture/Video and a forty question test at the end of the training. The test was reviewed, collected and filed in each person's individual Safety Training files.

### **Alaska Science Center**

The Alaska Science Center sponsored the following activities:

- An Email contest was sponsored during safety week. Entries were due by COB 4-7-2005. The contest focused on "The three most important safety tips to tell your field crew" or " The three most important safety tips my supervisor should pass on". Prizes were awarded.
- On Monday, 4-4 a safety video was shown at Orca Street. Door prizes were given for the first 6 employees to arrive.
- On Tuesday, 4-5 Joint USGS/FWS sessions were held from 8:00 am until 12 pm. Opportunities to discuss and take the Office of Aircraft Services (OAS) and DOIU online training sessions were given to employees. Training took place in the Fish & Wildlife Service computer training room. Door prizes were given each hour. From 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm, SMIS (accident reporting) and Workmen's Comp online training was also provided.
- On Wednesday, 4-6 safety questions were emailed to center employees each hour. (Prizes for the first correct answer were given to employees. At 1:00 pm a safety training video was provided to employees at Grace Hall. Door prizes were given to the first 12 employees that arrived. From 1:00pm until 4:00 pm, a session with Beamhit, an indoor laser marksmanship system, was given at the Tudor office.
- On Thursday, 4-7, a joint training session with Fish & Wildlife Service took place at the Tudor office. From 8:00 – 5:00 pm, a Firearms refresher class was given by Steve Nelson at Gould Hall. From 8:30 - 9:30 am Back/Lifting Safety training was provided to employees. At 12:00 pm a safety training video session was made available to employees. Door prizes were given to the first 12 employees that arrived. At 1:30 pm employees participated in fire extinguisher training. An opportunity to extinguish a live fire was part of this training.

### **Menlo Park**

The following training activities were available for employees:

- First aid, CPR and AED training.
- Laboratory safety training.
- Hazardous waste handling training.
- CHP presented training on dealing with traffic.
- Menlo Park Police Department presented training on what to do if you find an illegal drug lab in the field.
- Menlo Park Fire Department discussed hazardous in the work place and home.

### **USGS California Water Science Center**

The Sacramento center conducted the following training activities for employees:

- First aid, CPR, AED training
- Defensive Driving training